

OMB No. 1124-0001; Expires April 30, 2017

U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Registration Statement
Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
1938, as amended

I-REGISTRANT

1. Name of Registrant

Ben Barnes Group

2. Registration No. (To Be Assigned By the FARA Registration Unit)

60264

3. Principal Business Address

901 S MOPAC Expy, Ste 1-100
Austin, TX 78746

4. If the registrant is an individual, furnish the following information:

(a) Residence address(es)

(b) Other business address(es), if any

(c) Nationality

(d) Year of birth

(e) Present citizenship

(f) If present citizenship not acquired by birth, state when, where and how acquired

(g) Occupation

5. If the registrant is not an individual, furnish the following information:

(a) Type of organization: Committee ☐ Association ☐ Partnership ☒ Voluntary group ☐
Corporation ☐ Other (specify) _____

(b) Date and place of organization December 2001, Texas

(c) Address of principal office 901 S MOPAC Expy, Ste 1-100
Austin, TX 78746

(d) Name of person in charge Ben F. Barnes

(e) Locations of branch or local offices 1215 19th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

(f) If a membership organization, give number of members

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(g) List all partners, officers, directors or persons performing the functions of an officer or director of the registrant.

Name	Residence Address(es)	Position	Nationality
Ben F. Barnes	98 San Jacinto #1502 Austin, TX 78701	Founder and Principal	USA
Kent Caperton	4231 Westlake Dr. Unit A3 Austin, TX 78746	Attorney and Principal	USA
Wyeth Wiedeman	2600 Woolridge Austin, Texas 78703	Founder and Principal	USA

(h) Which of the above named persons renders services directly in furtherance of the interests of any of the foreign principals?
Ben F. Barnes, Kent Caperton, Wyeth Wiedeman

(i) Describe the nature of the registrant's regular business or activity.

Consultation and expertise in crisis management, legislative processes and strategy, legal issues, and public-private partnerships

(j) Give a complete statement of the ownership and control of the registrant.

Limited partnership with one majority owner

6. List all employees who render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any of the foreign principals in other than a clerical, secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity.

Name	Residence Address(es)	Nature of Services
Patsy Thomasson	2555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Suite 316 Washington, DC 20037	Consulting services

II--FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. List every foreign principal¹ for whom the registrant is acting or has agreed to act.

Foreign Principal	Principal Address(es)
The National Board for the Following Up and Recovering of the Libyan Looted and Disguised Funds of the Transitional Government of Libya, through Washington African Consulting Group, Inc. ("WACG")	The Libyan Government Prime Minister's Office Libya

III--ACTIVITIES

8. In addition to the activities described in any Exhibit B to this statement, will you engage or are you engaging now in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

IV--FINANCIAL INFORMATION**9. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of your obligation to register² to the time of filing this statement, did you receive from any foreign principal named in Item 7 any contribution, income, or money either as compensation or for disbursement or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each such foreign principal an account of such monies.³

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Purpose	Amount
WACG	09/15/14	Retainer for Consulting Services	\$50,000.00
WACG	10/01/14	Retainer for Consulting Services	\$50,000.00
WACG	11/03/14	Retainer for Consulting Services	\$50,000.00

\$150,000.00

Total

¹ The term "foreign principal," as defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, includes a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization, foreign individual and, for the purpose of registration, an organization or an individual any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual.

² An agent must register within ten days of becoming an agent, and before acting as such.

³ A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. There is no printed form for this exhibit. (See Rule 201(e), 28 C.F.R. § 5.201(e)).

(b) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of your obligation to register⁴ to the time of filing this statement, did you receive from any foreign principal named in Item 7 anything of value⁵ other than money, either as compensation, or for disbursement, or otherwise? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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10. (a) DISBURSEMENT-MONIES

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of your obligation to register⁶ to the time of filing this statement, did you spend or disburse any money in furtherance of or in connection with your activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Item 7? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each such foreign principal named including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
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(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of your obligation to register⁷ to the time of filing this statement, did you dispose of any thing of value⁸ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with your activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Item 7? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of your obligation to register⁹ to the time of filing this statement, did you, the registrant, or any short form registrant, make any contribution of money or other thing of value from your own funds and on your own behalf in connection with an election to any political office or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for any political office? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
	See attached pages		

4, 6, 7 and 9 See Footnote 2, on page 3.

5 and 8 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks", and the like.

V--INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS¹⁰

11. Will the activities of the registrant on behalf of any foreign principal include the preparation or dissemination of informational materials? Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN THIS SECTION V.

12. Identify each such foreign principal.

The National Board for the Following Up and Recovering of the Libyan Looted and Disguised Funds of the Transitional Government of Libya, through
Washington African Consulting Group, Inc. ("WACG")

13. Has a budget been established or specified sum of money allocated to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount and for what period of time.

14. Will any public relations firms or publicity agents participate in the preparation or dissemination of such informational materials?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the names and addresses of such persons or firms.

15. Activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials will include the use of the following:

- ☐ Radio or TV broadcasts ☐ Magazine or newspaper ☐ Motion picture films ☒ Letters or telegrams
☐ Advertising campaigns ☐ Press releases ☒ Pamphlets or other publications ☐ Lectures or speeches
☐ Other (specify) _____

Electronic Communications

- ☒ Email
☒ Website URL(s): <http://www.benbarnesgroup.com>
☐ Social media website URL(s): _____
☐ Other (specify) _____

16. Informational materials will be disseminated among the following groups:

- ☒ Public officials ☒ Civic groups or associations
☒ Legislators ☐ Libraries
☒ Government agencies ☐ Educational groups
☐ Newspapers ☒ Nationality groups
☐ Editors ☐ Other (specify) _____

17. Indicate language to be used in the informational materials:

☒ English ☐ Other (specify) _____

¹⁰ The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI--EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS

18. (a) The following described exhibits shall be filed with an initial registration statement:

Exhibit A- This exhibit, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal named in Item 7.

Exhibit B- This exhibit, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

(b) An Exhibit C shall be filed when applicable. This exhibit, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws of a registrant that is an organization. A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause shown upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530. (See Rule 201(c) and (d)).

(c) An Exhibit D shall be filed when applicable. This exhibit, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal. (See Rule 201 (e)).

VII--EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature¹¹)

11/25/11

Kent Caperton
KENT CAPERTON

¹¹ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Kent Caperton is hereby designated attorney in fact for Ben Barnes Group for the purpose of executing and signing on its behalf Registration Statements, Supplemental Statements, and other documents required to be filed with the United States Department of Justice by Ben Barnes Group in connection with the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*).

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of Ben Barnes Group as majority owner to grant this power of attorney.

Ben Barnes Group

By: Ben Barnes
Ben Barnes
Founder and Principal

Dated: November 25, 2014

ADDITIONAL PAGES

Registration Statement Pursuant to
the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

Registrant: Ben Barnes Group

10. (c) Disbursements – Political Contributions

Contribution by Registrant Ben Barnes Group

Date	Amount	Candidate	Location of Event
10/30/14	\$100	Paul Davis	Kansas (State)

Contributions by Short Form Registrant Kent Caperton

Date	Amount	Candidate	Location of Event
07/14	\$1000	Schauer for Governor	Michigan (State)
08/13/14	\$1100	Hickenlooper for Governor	Colorado (State)
09/05/14	\$1000	Act Blue / Pete Gallego	Texas (Federal)

Contributions by Short Form Registrant Patsy Thomasson

Date	Amount	Candidate	Location of Event
2014	\$250	Mark Pryor	Arkansas (Federal)
2014	\$200	James Lee Witt	Arkansas (Federal)
2014	\$200	Patrick Henry Hays	Arkansas (Federal)

Contributions by Short Form Registrant Wyeth Wiedeman

Date	Amount	Candidate	Location of Event
08/06/14	\$1000	Maria Cantwell for Senate	Washington (Federal)
09/30/14	\$500	Joaquin Castro for Congress	Texas (Federal)
10/30/14	\$500	Pete Gallego for Congress	Texas (Federal)

Contributions by Short Form Registrant Ben Barnes

Date	Amount	Candidate	Location of Event
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Political Giving
Ben Barnes
June 27, 2014 to November 17, 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
Federal			
07/23/2014	Friends of Dick Durbin		2,800.00
07/23/2014	Democratic Party of IL - Federal		7,500.00
08/04/2014	Booker for Senate		2,600.00
08/27/2014	New Hampshire Democratic Party		10,000.00
08/27/2014	Natalie Tennant for Senate		2,500.00
09/16/2014	Ed Markey four US Senate		2,600.00
10/30/2014	Nick Casey for Congress		2,000.00
Total Federal			29,800.00
Federal PAC			
10/30/2014	Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee		16,200.00
10/07/2014	Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee		500.00
10/30/2014	Big Easy Committee		4,000.00
10/30/2014	Maryland Democratic Party		4,000.00
Total Federal PAC			24,700.00
Municipal			
07/18/2014	Mandy Dealey Campaign	Austin	350.00
10/20/2014	Let's Go Austin PAC	Austin	5,000.00
Total Municipal			5,350.00
State			
06/30/2014	Texas Victory Committee	TX	5,000.00
06/30/2014	Democratic Governors Association		100,000.00
06/30/2014	Democratic Party of Arkansas	AR	5,000.00
07/09/2014	Andrew Cuomo 2014	NY	5,000.00
10/07/2014	Leticia Van De Puite	TX	3,000.00
10/07/2014	Tom Wolf for Governor	PA	5,000.00
10/07/2014	Paul Davis for Governor	KS	2,000.00
10/07/2014	William Gardner	NH	10,000.00
10/20/2014	Rhode Island Democratic Party	RI	5,000.00
10/30/2014	Mowrer for Iowa	IA	500.00
10/31/2014	Texas Victory Committee	TX	5,000.00
Total State			145,500.00